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Dear Parents-

This letter is to inform you of some staffing changes we are making in the Stream Youth Department. You are probably aware that our church budget was reduced by a significant amount this year. This has caused us to have to streamline the leadership of the ministry and make some tough decisions about positions. Because of this we have had to strategically reduce our Stream Staff by two full-time positions.

Scott Fleming has been with us almost four years. Scott originally started out in our High School ministry but in our effort to have more missions and outreach programs Scott stepped into the role of Stream Missions Coordinator. Last summer Scott had over 300 students be a part of the XStream Serve missions program serving in Dallas, Mendenhall, Galveston, Jamaica and Bolivia. Scott's legacy here has built a great system that we now believe the ministry directors will be able to implement. Scott will have some exciting news to announce about a new job very soon.

Cari Cassell has been with us almost five years in a few different roles but primarily with the high school and even more specifically with the class of 2010. Cari has had an amazing impact on this years senior class and will be transitioning with them to something new. Cari has had a huge role in this ministry and her legacy will have great rewards in the lives of the students. Cari will be with us until the end of May when the class of 2010 graduates. Join us in praying that God would open doors and Cari would have discernment on direction.

What this means for the ministry is that all 4 parts of Stream: Jam, JetStream, Upstream and All-Nations Youth and College, will now each have 1 full-time director. We will also have 8 part-time class leads by this summer. The three additional full-time roles are Emily Wilkinson as the "Program Director", Anna Miller as our "Administrative Guru" and myself as the "Youth Director." We also have one very part time role with Rhett Smith doing Family/Counseling ministry with us. As a full "Stream Team" we believe that we will continue to be able to meet all the needs of students and families at Highland Park Presbyterian Church.

Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me if you have any questions, concerns or want to help throw an amazing party for Scott and Cari.

Sincerely,

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